## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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### Recruiting and Military Service Law

- On I January 1953, a new law concerning recruiting and time in service, similar to
  the law already existing in the USSR, is to go into effect. Time in service is
  to be increased to three years for ordinary branches of the Army, and to four years
  for special branches, including the Navy and Air Force.
- Calling up of new classes would start at the beginning of each year and should be completed by 15 January, at the latest.
- 3. Up to the present, anly half of the samuel contingents have been called up in Bulgaria. In accordance with the regulations of the new law, recruiting centers (Voenni Okruzi) have taken the necessary steps for calling up the Class of 1933 prior to 15 January.

#### Military Classes Under Arms

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- 4. The following classes are now under arms in Bulgaria:
  - a. Certain specialists of the Class of 1928, who were retained under arms beyond their legal term by a simple decision of their superiors;
  - b. Soldiers of the Class of 1929 belonging to special branches (artillery and engineers); infantrymen and cavalrymen were released at the end of 1952; according to law, this entire class should have been released in May 1952, but a decree ordered that they be retained for six additional months, which finally was prolonged until December 1952;
  - c. The complete 1930, 1931, and 1932 classes; and
  - d. Völunteers of the Class of 1933 and, in certain branches, even volunteers of the Class of 1934 born in the first quarter of that year.
- 5. The following reservists, who were recalled for a 40-60 day period to be trained 25 YEAR with new weapons, should also be added to the men listed in Para. 4 above:

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- a. Soldiers of the 1920 to 1928 classes;
- b. Reserve officers and noncommissioned officers of the 1900 to 1928 classes; and
- c. Noncommissioned officers who doubled their time in service.

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